ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An easily assembled and installed support for a flexible covering, such as a bird-excluding net or a thermal blanket, may be made from lightweight and readily available plastic pipe components. The support is configured as a wheel and a vertical center pole that can hold the wheel in a horizontal position above the tree, similar to an umbrella. Netting or other flexible covering is attached to the wheel before it is lifted on the center pole and carried to a tree that is to be covered.